



Bike Patrol 1994



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The Lincoln Police Department is proud to announce Master Officer Thomas Duden as its 1994 Officer of the Year. He is a nineteen year veteran of the Department, assigned to the Northwest/Center Team under the direction of Captain Jim Peschong. Tom and his wife Deborah are the parents of one daughter, Natalie.

In the highest tradition of law enforcement, Tom has dedicated his career to serving the public. He is a highly motivated officer who enjoys the challenges of police investigations and the satisfaction of successful conclusions. Officer Duden, a Field Training Officer, has a positive attitude towards his job, an attitude he tries to instill in the recruit officers who train under him. Tom has an inquiring and analytical mind which causes him to get involved, pro-actively, in many situations which result in arrests, cleared cases and recovered property. He is absolutely relentless in his pursuit of suspects and never shies away from work. He is always willing to assist his fellow officers in whatever way necessary, whether it is backing them up, conducting follow-up investigation or assisting on an arrest. In addition to being a talented, hardworking police officer, Officer Duden's extra curricular activities include participating in the Field Training Officer program, Santa Cop program, serving as Lincoln Police Union Vice President, instructing at the Citizen's Academy, giving Criminal Justice presentations at Pius High School, giving personal safety presentations for Union Bank employees, serving on the Department Fleet Safety Committee and Labor Management Committee.

A few of Officer Duden's accomplishments during the past year include:

- . The arrest of a party responsible for the theft of camera equipment totaling \$6,402 from Harman's Camera that occurred February 6, 1993. The suspect in this burglary was then developed as the suspect in a burglary that occurred at Acher Arms; Officer Duden was able to obtain a confession from the suspect, clearing that case as well.

- . The arrest of a party responsible for the theft of athletic equipment and clothing totaling \$6,894 from Kep Harding's Sporting Goods that occurred March 7, 1993.

- . The arrest of an individual who had detonated two explosive devices on a city street and the recovery of explosive materials that represented a very real threat to public safety.

- . The arrest of persons suspected of shoplifting at Dillards. Officer Duden asked to work on this offense after hearing about it while working in an off duty capacity at Dillards. Extensive follow-up, which included the contacting of witness employees, one of the parties involved and employees of four other victim businesses, Hitchin' Post, Jack & Jill, Montgomery Ward and Computer Systems resulted in five cases being cleared and the recovery of approximately \$3,000 worth of property. None of this would have been occurred had Office Duden not taken it upon himself to get involved in the investigation of the shoplifting at Dillards.

As you can see, Officer Duden is a very successful, hardworking officer who has not succumbed to the traditional "burn out" experienced by many senior officers. His work continues to be outstanding and "inspired". He has been recognized for years throughout the Department for his extraordinary achievements in law enforcement. He is a truly remarkable officer and is deserving of the honor of being named Officer of the Year.


THOMAS K. CASADY, Chief of Police



Officer Tom Duden
Officer of the Year

